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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 w/attached marked-up copy in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith: APPEAL BRIEF W/APPENDIX (WITH ATTACHED TABLE, IN TRIPLICATE)

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 3.

Please amend Claim 10 as follows:

--10. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the liquid-phase hydrogenation in a second stage is conducted at a temperature of 60 to 140° C and a pressure ranging from 20 to 50 bar.--

REMARKS

Claim 3 has been canceled. Claims 1, 2 and 5-17 remain active in the case.

O.K. to enter